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**CITADEL HOUSE RECORDS SIGNS
SOPRANO – SONGSTRESS – SONGWRITER
TONIA EVANS CIANCIULLI**

Tonia has a unique blend of talent and vision and we are so pleased to be able to be part of her team. — Dean Stairs, Citadel House



Newfoundland-based **Citadel House Records** is thrilled to be working with Internationally renowned opera soprano, singer / songwriter, **Tonia Evans Cianciulli**. Citadel House is an independent record label working primarily with Newfoundland artists to bring their unique talent to a broader audience. *“We are delighted to be able to connect Tonia to her Newfoundland roots as part of the Citadel House family and we look forward to working with her as she brings her vision to a new audience,”* — Dean Stairs, Citadel House.



Tonia Evans Cianciulli is one of Newfoundland’s most multifaceted and versatile concert artist’s, performing her signature programs across North America.

Tonia is extremely proud to be represented by Citadel House, *“This partnership is meant to be and is unique to who I am as a Newfoundland born artist and performer. I feel I have ventured out and found home. I trust Citadel House to represent my true voice and my vision,”* —Tonia Evans Cianciulli

Tonia’s upcoming albums shine a spotlight on two of Newfoundland’s most talented musicians, opera soprano **Georgina Stirling**, the “Nightingale of the North,” and the late folk hero, **Ron Hynes**. Her release of Ron Hynes’ song, *Marie*, written about the prima donna, has been an integral piece in bringing Georgina Stirling into the 21st century.

CBC NL has highly praised Tonia for her work to honour and revive the life and legacy of Georgina Stirling (also known to international audiences as Marie Toulinguet). Ms. Stirling was Newfoundland’s first opera singer, becoming a world-renowned soprano throughout Europe and the United States in the late 19th Century. In 2017, Tonia was inspired to produce a remarkable tribute concert called, *Nightingale Sings*. The show has toured extensively throughout Newfoundland and beyond in cities across North America including Toronto, Ottawa, and Miami. In 2018 she was awarded a Canada Council for the Arts grant for this significant and historical work.

This year, Tonia celebrates the publishing of her debut book *“The Heart’s Obsession – An Intimate Biography of Newfoundland Songstress Georgina Stirling”* by Flanker Press Ltd, coauthored with her grandfather, veteran

Newfoundland author, Calvin D. Evans, and will return this fall for the book launch and accompanying concerts across the island.

Tonia is the visionary founder of a non-profit organization, **Wish Opera/Arts**, and is a fierce advocate for celebrating and nurturing Canadian artists of all genres as they achieve their individual artistic goals with her sought-after programs including the Artist's Journey and the popular 'Artist's Spotlight' interview series. www.WishArts.ca

Tonia graduated with a Bachelor of Voice Performance from the University of Western Ontario. She continues to train and hone her craft with voice teacher, Manny Perez, in Miami. She is also certified as a practitioner in Neuro-Linguistic Programming.

“What really distinguishes Tonia Evans Cianciulli (... apart from a gravity-defying voice of such warmth, and majesty, it’s amazing she hasn’t patented goosebumps...) – is her ability to invest in any song with authentic emotion no matter the genre.” – **Kimberly Hughes, Toronto Journalist.**

“A warm lyrical soprano with a beguiling turn of phrase.” – **Maestro Kerry Stratton, Toronto Concert Orchestra**

About Citadel House

The Citadel House is an independent Record Label operating out of Lewisporte, Newfoundland, with a roster that stretches from Vancouver to St. John's. The company gravitates towards working with rising artists, who demonstrate exceptional promise and uncompromising dedication to their art.

The Citadel House is also both a unique live venue and a state of the art recording facility. It is rapidly gaining a reputation as a premiere venue in Central Newfoundland for warm, intimate concerts. With a fantastic sounding live room and an avid, music-loving audience every event is like a warm hug from your family whom you just met.



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